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### STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Katsunobu HORI, et al.

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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH HARD MASK COVERING (AS AMENDED)

THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

For:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27

Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	7	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	2	3	0	\$84.00 =	\$0.00
		Multiple claims newly presented			\$0.00
Fee for extension of time				\$0.00	
					\$0.00
		Total of Above Calculations			\$0.00

Please charge my Deposit Account No. 500417 in the amount of \$0.00. An additional copy of this transmittal sheet is submitted herewith.

 $\boxtimes$ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500417, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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HARD MASK COVERING (AS AMENDED)

# <u>AMENDMENT</u>

Box Non-Fee Amendment The Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

# IN THE TITLE:

Please replace "SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE" with -- SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A LAYERED WIRING STRUCTURE WITH HARD MASK COVERING--.

### **IN THE SPECIFICATION**:

Page 21, first paragraph, please delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

--in the first etching. In the practice of the invention, it is permitted to form the anti-reflective film on the surface of a thin film material, i.e. on the surface of the metal material made thin in